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For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of sixty-six (66) pages
- ☒ Seventeen (17) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-182924, 2002-205607, 2002-212517, and 2002-237320 filed in JAPAN on June 24, 2002, July 15, 2002, July 22, 2002, and August 16, 2002, respectively.
- ☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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The PTO did not receive the following listed item(s) 17 pages of drawings only 13 pages of drawings

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

- a. ☒ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No(s). 2002-182924, 2002-205607, 2002-212517, and 2002-237320 filed in JAPAN on June 24, 2002, July 15, 2002, July 22, 2002, and August 16, 2002, respectively, which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--
- b. ☐ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No(s). filed on , which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--

- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
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- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
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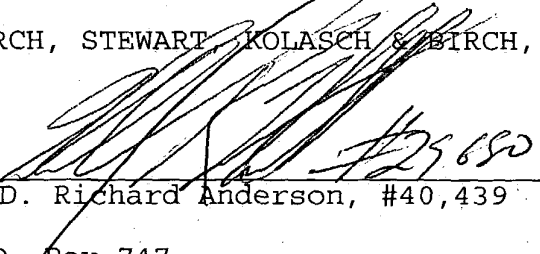
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